

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed December 24, 2003, and make the foregoing amendments and following remarks in response thereto. The Applicants have amended claims 6, 20, 25 and 29 to more clearly recite the features of the present invention; no new matter has been added. Specifically, the Applicants have amended claims 6, 20, 25 and 29 to recite the instantiation of one or more business objects, which include at least one of a domain name object, a name server object, a registrar object, and a business rule object. Support for these amendments may be found within the Specification, for example, at Page 33, line 15 to Page 34 line 13, Page 36 line 18 to Page 37 line 10, FIGS. 13 and 14, etc. The Applicants do not believe that a new search is necessary. Thus, claims 6–20, 25 and 29 are pending.

The Examiner rejected claims 6–7, 9–20, 25 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,560,634 to Broadhurst ("Broadhurst") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,295 to Farrow et al. ("Farrow"). The Examiner rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broadhurst in view of Farrow and in further view of RFC 3832 to Hollenbeck.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, the Applicants submit that claims 6–20, 25 and 29 are allowable over the cited art, and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending § 103 rejections.

The Pending Claims Are Allowable Over the Cited References

Claim 6 is directed to a method for processing a domain name registration operation, and, as amended, recites, in pertinent part, "instantiating one or more business objects based on the request, the business objects including at least one of a domain name object, a name server object, a registrar object, and a business rule object." Claims 20, 25 and 29, directed to a method, apparatus and computer readable medium, respectively, disclose similar subject matter. The Examiner opines that "Broadhurst-Farrow disclose ... instantiating one or more objects, the objects corresponding to attributes included in the request (Broadhurst, col. 6, lines 44-67)." (Office Action, Page 3, lines 4–5). The Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that neither Broadhurst, Farrow, nor any other reference cited by the Examiner, disclose the features recited by claims 6, 20, 25 and 29 (as amended).

Broadhurst is directed to a query server that performs a domain name search over multiple domains. Based on user input containing a domain name, a plurality of domains and a search criterion, a plurality of requests may be transmitted to the domain name servers associated with the plurality of domains, and the search results may be displayed to the user in a formatted manner. *See, e.g., Abstract; Col. 7, lines 36–53; etc.* Farrow is directed to a method for providing network address protocol updates from a server manager to various network address protocol management servers. *See, e.g., Abstract; Col. 2, lines 10–31; Col. 10, lines 36–48; etc.* The Examiner opines that “Broadhurst discloses ... that a user requests to register a domain name, then the user is linked to an HTML order form, which dynamically cr[e]ates an order request for a particular domain name in the specified domain, and the user supplies credit card and contact information (one or more objects), and these objects correspond to attributes in the order form.” (Office Action at Page 7, Paragraph 20). The Applicants disagree. Credit card and contact information are not instantiated business objects, but merely data supplied by the user to a query server through an HTML order form.

The Applicants submit that Broadhurst and Farrow are entirely silent on whether one or more business objects may be instantiated based on a domain name registration operation request, as recited by claims 6, 20, 25 and 29 (as amended). Because Broadhurst and Farrow fail to disclose the instantiation of business objects, these references also fail to teach or suggest that different types of business objects may be instantiated, including domain name objects, name server objects, registrar objects, and business rule objects, as recited by claims 6, 20, 25 and 29 (as amended). *See, e.g., Specification at Page 33, line 15 to Page 34 line 8 and FIG. 13; Page 36 line 18 to Page 37 line 10 and FIG. 14; etc.* Moreover, the Applicants submit that none of the remaining references cited by the Examiner teach or suggest these features, either alone or in combination.

Consequently, the Applicants submit that claims 6, 20, 25 and 29 are allowable over the cited art. Claims 7–19, depending from claim 6, are also allowable, at least for the reasons discussed above. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending § 103(a) rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks submitted above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present case is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect would be greatly appreciated.

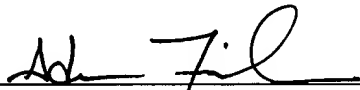
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4294 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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